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SUBJECT: ITU:CCITT PLENARY ASSEMBLY: VIETNAM AND OTHER CONTINGENCY PO

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GUIDANCE

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1. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, ITU'S CCITT PLENARY ASSEMBLY WILL TAKE PLACE IN GENEVA SEPTEMBER 27-OCTOBER 8. ALL OF ITU'S 151 MEMBER STATES HAVE RECEIVED INVITATIONS TO ATTEND (WHICH WERE SENT IN FALL 1975) AND ABOUT 85 ARE EXPECTED TO SHOW UP.

2. REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM IS STILL CARRIED ON THE ITU MEMBERSHIP ROLLS. IN SPRING 1976, THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM (PRG) APPLIED FOR ADMISSION TO ITU; THE SECRETARIAT DID NOT RESPOND UNTIL AFTER THE JUNE 1976 PROCLAMATION OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV), WHEREUPON IT RETURNED THE APPLICATION TO THE SRV MISSION IN GENEVA, SUGGESTING THAT THE PRG APPLICATION APPEARED TO BE OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS.

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NO FURTHER COMMUNICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE LOCAL MISSION.

NORTH VIETNAM IS NOT AN ITU MEMBER IN OWN RIGHT.

3. AS OF SEPTEMBER 21, THE SRV HAS NOT ADVISED ITU IT WOULD ATTEND THE CCITT PLENARY ASSEMBLY, HOWEVER, THE POSSIBILITY CANNOT BE RULED OUT. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE MISSION SUGGESTS THAT CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE BE PROVIDED TO THE USDEL TO THE ASSEMBLY IN THE EVENT THAT THE SRV SHOWS UP AND CLAIMS THE RVN SEAT.

4. AS OF SEPTEMBER 21, CCITT DIRECTOR CROZE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY POTENTIAL MOVES DIRECTED AGAINST ISRAEL AT PLENARY ASSEMBLY. NONETHELESS, CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE ON THIS QUESTION WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL.

5. MISSION HAS ALSO HEARD FARFETCHED RUMOR FROM ANOTHER MISSION (NOT ITU) SOURCE THAT AFRICAN DELS MAY ATTEMPT SOME ANTI-NEW ZEALAND MAOVE AS AFTERMATH OF SOUTH AFRICAN RUGBY TOUR. WHILE WE REGARD SUCH A MOVE AS UNLIKELY, CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE ON THIS QUESTION WOULD NOT BE AMISS.
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